

Anti-Slavery Office,

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N. Y., July 12, 1838.

Dear Garrison:

We were sadly disappointed by your answer received this morning; ~~but~~ we went at once to Beecher, but learned that, on account of his recent bereavement, he was on the point of going away to the country to be absent a long time. He talked manfully, and made us feel that his excuse for declining was a good one. As for Phillips, I have little hope that we could induce him to come. He might say, "I'll come if I can," and then, on account of his wife's feeble condition, be obliged to disappoint us at last. Besides, he speaks with

~~with~~ great difficulty out of doors. But "it will never do to give it up so." We must have our celebration if possible, and you must come. There is just one way to do it, viz: appoint it for Wednesday instead of Tuesday, and that is what we have concluded to do. Now, my dear Garrison, don't say us nay, but write me by the very first mail - no, telegraph me affirmatively tomorrow, so that the arrangement can be announced in this week's Standard.

Yours, faithfully,
O. Johnson.



